

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 15, 2007 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearings: HB 122, HB 126, HB 127
Executive Action: HB 122, HB 126, HB 127

00:00:03 Chairman Sonju

HEARING ON HB 122

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:34 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 122, Extend durational limit on leases at state airports.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:04 Debbie Alke, Department of Transportation (DOT),
Aeronautics Division

[EXHIBIT\(trh09a01\)](#)

00:03:04 Mike Ferguson, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
(AOPA)

[EXHIBIT\(trh09a02\)](#)

00:04:14 Bob Gilbert, Montana Aviation Tradesman Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:10 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 126

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:27 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 126, Eliminate requirement for DOT to set liability insurance rates for commercial air carriers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:19 Debbie Alke, DOT

[EXHIBIT\(trh09a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:10 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 127

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:33 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 127, Require immediate deposit of fees paid on aircraft.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:20 Debbie Alke, DOT
[EXHIBIT](#)(trh09a04)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:31 Rep. MacLaren

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:18 Rep. Keane

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 122

00:11:21 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane moved that **HB 122 DO PASS**.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 126

00:11:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane moved **HB 126 DO PASS**.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 127

00:12:00 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved **HB 127**.

Discussion:

00:12:42 Rep. Wiseman

00:12:55 Rep. MacLaren

00:13:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane moved that **HB 127 DO PASS**.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

00:14:51 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh09aad.pdf](#))